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Honorable Philip N. Asprodites
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston A and B Zones, WEST BRYCELAND
FIELD, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston A Zone and to the Hosston B Zone in the West Bryceland Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Collinsworth 28 No. 1 Well as an alternate unit well for HOSS A SUK and for HOSS B SUK at the location shown on the attached plats, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 241-A, effective December 1, 1966.

2. To find that the proposed alternate unit well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Hosston A and B Zones underlying HOSS A & B SUK which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on these units.

3. To approve the downhole combination of production from the Hosston A Zone and the Hosston B Zone in the wellbore of the proposed alternate unit well and in the wellbore of any existing well, or subsequently drilled well, located on HOSS A & B SUK.

4. To redefine the Hosston B Zone in the West Bryceland Field, INSOFAR AND ONLY INSOFAR as to HOSS B SUK, as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 8,000 feet and 10,280 feet in the Phillips Petroleum Company (formerly Humble Oil & Refining Company)--Continental Can No. 1 Well, located in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4 of SE 1/4) of Section 17, Township 17 North, Range 6 West, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Hosston A Zone in West Bryceland Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, is defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 241-A, effective December 1, 1966. The Hosston B Zone in West Bryceland Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, is defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 241-A-8, effective March 16, 1972.

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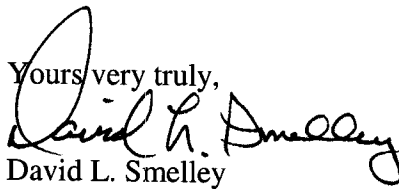
Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available from the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

By letter dated November 29, 2001, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and a pre-application conference with respect to Applicant's proposals was tentatively scheduled for December 20, 2001. No request for the pre-application conference was received; therefore, no conference was held.

Attached hereto are plats reflecting the location of the proposed alternate unit well, which plats are identical to the plats attached to the pre-application notice. Also attached hereto is a list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list is being forwarded only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation. A copy of the list will be furnished by the undersigned to any party so requesting. A reasonable effort was made to obtain a complete list of Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

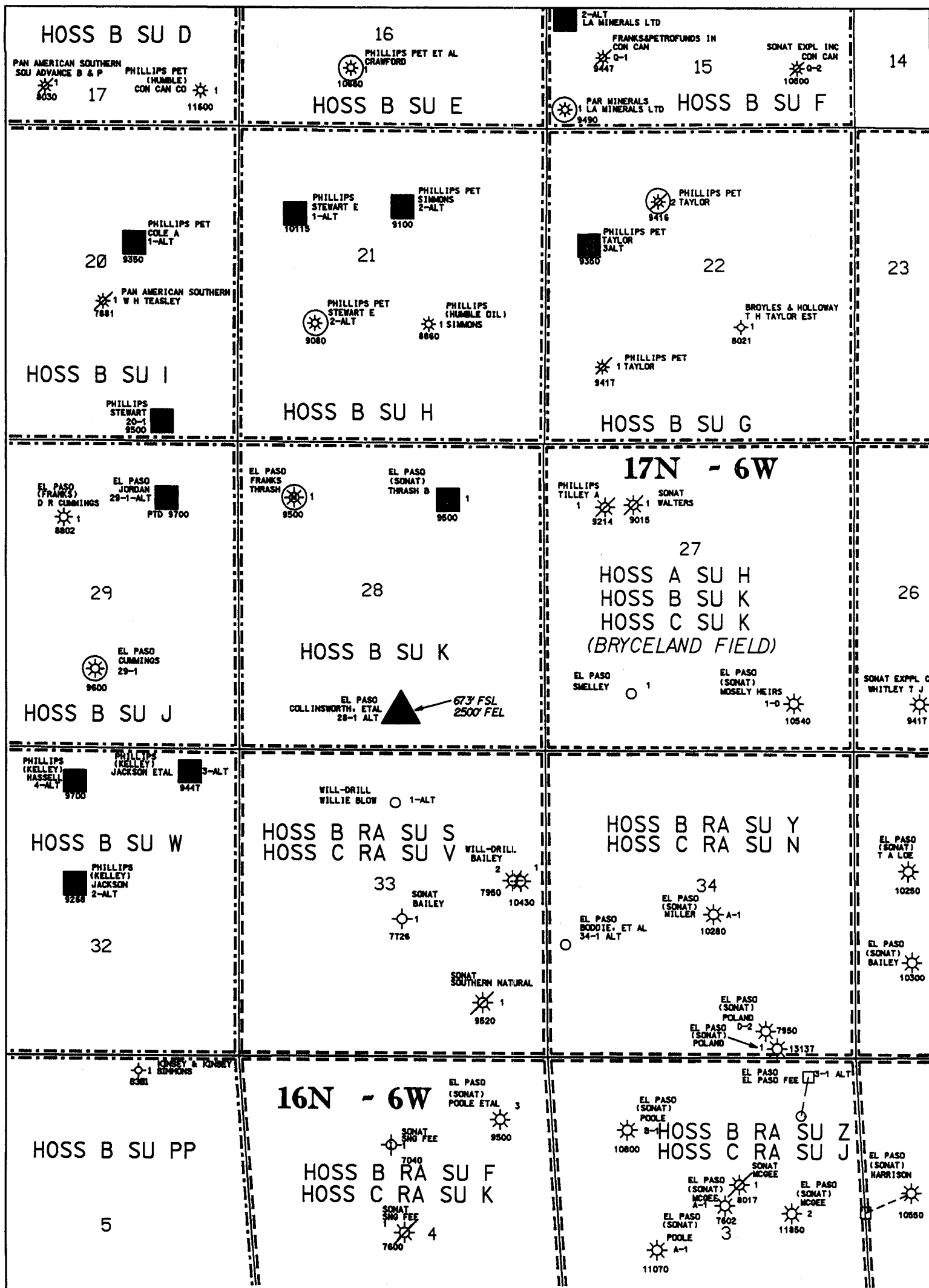
Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plats, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of West Bryceland Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose our check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

Yours very truly,

David L. Smelley
-- Attorney for El Paso Production Company

DLS:dp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Gary Griffith (w/encls.)
Mr. Paul Eschete (w/encls.)
Ms. Joyce Watts (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties
(w/copy of plats only)



LEGEND

- HOSSTON B UNITS WEST BRYCELAND FIELD AS PER 241-A SERIES OF ORDERS
- HOSSTON B & C UNITS BEAR CREEK FIELD
- HOSSTON A, B & C UNITS BRYCELAND FIELD
- UNIT WELL
- EXISTING ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- ▲ PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- WELLS 7200' OR SHALLOWER REMOVED FROM BASE

EXHIBIT NO.

DOCKET NO. 01-



Production

Onshore Development
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WEST BRYCELAND FIELD
BIENVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT
HOSS B SU K

0 1000' 2000' 3000'

LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.